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IT'S ELECTION DAY — 5 RACES TO WATCH: Voters around the country head to the polls today, and while energy and environmental issues haven't dominated most contests, the results have major policy implications. Here's five contests to keep an eye on as polls close:

1. **Virginia governor's race:** Today's marquee race pits Democratic Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam against the GOP's Ed Gillespie. Polls are tight, and Gillespie has tried to make Northam's squishy position on the Atlantic Coast pipeline an issue in the race. A Gillespie victory would likely spell the end to the commonwealth's regulatory efforts to curb carbon emissions and lead Virginia to withdraw from a state coalition committed to upholding Paris accord goals. The League of Conservation Voters has poured more than \$4 million into races around Virginia.

2. **New Jersey's governor's race:** Democrat Phil Murphy leads Republican Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno in public polling by wide margins, but both candidates have pledged to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Murphy's gone further and released [a plan](#) to transition the state to 100 percent renewable energy by 2050. He's earned endorsements from the Sierra Club and League of Conservation Voters.

3. **Washington state's 45th Senate district:** What would normally be a sleepy election in the Seattle suburbs will instead determine which party controls the Washington state Senate and may determine whether Gov. Jay Inslee can enact his aggressive policies addressing climate change. "We intend to make a full-scale effort in the next session of the Legislature if we win," he told [The New York Times](#). Millions have been spent on the contest, including six-figure contributions from oil companies like Andeavor and Phillips 66.

4. **Port of Vancouver (Wash.) commissioner:** The results of this contest are seen as a major signal about the fate of a proposed oil-to-rail port in the Pacific Northwest. Backers of the proposed \$210 million terminal have donated large sums to Kris Greene, while environmental advocates have lined up behind his opponent Don Orange. The [Columbian reported](#) last Thursday that \$370,000 of the \$410,189 Greene received in cash contributions came from oil companies with stakes in the project, while Orange received \$290,000 from Washington Conservation Voters.

5. **Flint, Mich. recall election:** Two years after being elected to tackle the devastating drinking water crisis in her city, Karen Weaver faces a recall election today that could cut her term in half. She faces 17 other candidates in the winner-takes-all contest. "The official reason is the trash-hauling contract, but the real reason, I think, is the water," said Paul Rozycki, a retired political science professor, told [The Associated Press](#).

WELCOME TO TUESDAY! I'm your host Anthony Adragna, and the American Lung Association's Paul Billings was first up to identify Sen. Mike Enzi as the former shoe store owner. For today: Which senator once served as president of the nation's only state-owned bank? Send your tips, energy gossip and comments to aadragna@politico.com, or follow us on Twitter [@AnthonyAdragna](#), [@Morning_Energy](#), and [@POLITICOPro](#).

BE VERY QUIET! Advocates for climate action are frankly hoping the U.S. stays quiet during the Bonn climate summit and doesn't do anything to derail negotiations, POLITICO's Emily Holden and David Siders [report](#). "The benchmark for success in Bonn is you arrive, you make progress on some mechanical items, and nobody leaves in a complete huff," said David Victor, professor of international relations at the University of California. "People are going to be

watching very closely what the U.S. delegation does — whether they're constructive, whether they're silent, whether they're mean." But hopes for a quieter U.S. presence doesn't mean Trump's decision to pull out of the deal won't have consequences. Keya Chatterjee, executive director of the U.S. Climate Action Network, called Trump's move to withdraw a "geopolitical disaster," that would make it difficult for him to negotiate with world leaders on other matters.

Have a look: POLITICO's [timeline](#) on 25 years of progress and setbacks fighting climate change.

'Urgency' seen on the ground: That was the buzzword on the first day of COP23 climate summit in Bonn, where negotiators from 197 countries are hunkered down for the next two weeks to work on the rules to help meet the Paris agreement's goals. "The need for urgency is obvious. Our world is in distress from extreme weather events caused by climate change," Fiji's Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama said during the opening ceremony, where his small island country took the summit presidency.

Look at China: "China, because of its size and its weight in the world economy, is always a very important player in international affairs and this is of course no exception," Patricia Espinosa, head of U.N. Climate Change, told reporters. "What we are seeing ... is 100 percent commitment by China to fulfill its obligations in its agreement." China is leading in innovation, public policies on the low-carbon transition and other areas and "mainstreaming" climate change into "integral planning," she added.

UNF and how many C's? Forget the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Bonn-based climate secretariat has a new name: U.N. Climate Change. So no more of that "UNF and as many C's as you can add," said spokesman Nick Nuttall.

CLEAR AND PRESENT ENDANGER: The American Legislative Exchange Council—whose members are conservative state lawmakers—plans to vote on a [model resolution](#) calling on EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to fight a science-based legal finding that requires the agency to regulate greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change. "Research has shown that recent changes in temperatures, sea level rise, and the frequency of extreme weather events are far from unusual in the historic and geophysical record," the resolution says, contradicting mainstream science. If legislators approve the language at a meeting in December, they could propose it in state capitols around the country.

LOBBYISTS DESCEND ON TAX BILL: There's little time to weigh in, so trade groups are pushing hard this week to secure changes to legislation [H.R. 1 \(115\)](#) they fear would harm their industries, POLITICO's Theodore Meyer [reports](#). Among them is the American Institute of Architects, which is leaning on Ways and Means members [Tom Reed](#) and [Dave Reichert](#) to avoid cuts to tax credits for historic preservation and energy efficiency. Another trade group unhappy with the bill is the American Wind Energy Association. That comes as panel leaders [offered](#) a host of changes to the package as the multi-day markup began Monday.

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HOLDING OFF: Though it said 85 percent of counties in the country meet its 2015 ozone standard, EPA declined to specify Monday whether the rest do not, staving off requirements to act for now, Pro's Alex Guillén [reports](#). The agency would only say that it will tackle the remaining areas "in a separate future action." Any areas that don't meet 2015 standard of 70 parts per billion — which Pruitt said he's reviewing — will have to take action to reduce smog-forming emissions.

PUERTO RICO HEARING FIZZLES: What looked to be an interesting session on Puerto Rico's recovery from a devastating hurricane appears to have fizzled with Ricardo Ramos, the head of the island's utility, [reportedly bowing out](#) of testifying and San Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz also declining to appear. Witnesses with the island's oversight board are still [due to appear](#) before the House Natural Resources Committee beginning at 10 a.m. in Longworth 1324.

After that, a subcommittee hears from witnesses at 2 p.m. on a [discussion draft](#) of legislation overhauling both onshore and offshore energy policy. And the full committee gives opening statements at 5 p.m. ahead of a [markup](#) of an energy bill pushed by Majority Whip [Steve Scalise](#) and Chairman [Rob Bishop](#) (as well as a bunch of other bills).

E&C SUBPANEL LOOKS AT TWO BILLS: The Energy and Commerce Energy Subcommittee looks at a [discussion draft](#) of legislation that would alter the popular Energy Star program to make DOE the lead oversight agency and make actions under the program subject to public notice and comment requirements. The subpanel will also take up a bill, [H.R. 3477 \(115\)](#), delaying new efficiency compliance standards for ceiling fan light kits to Jan. 21, 2020. Witnesses from Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, the Consumer Technology Association, Air Conditioning Heating and Refrigeration Institute, the Alliance to Save Energy and Cree testify at [the hearing](#).

ATLANTIC SUNRISE PIPELINE ON ICE: A three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit temporarily halted construction on Williams' Atlantic Sunrise natural gas pipeline on Monday while it mulls a request for a full stay of the project, Pro's Darius Dixon [reports](#). Environmental and community groups first sued FERC in March, alleging the agency did not conduct a thorough enough climate study before approving the project.

STEYER SLAMS FOX NEWS PULLING HIS AD: Calling it "baseless and unethical," billionaire environmentalist Tom Steyer slammed Fox News for pulling an ad calling for the impeachment of Trump, POLITICO's Cristiano Lima [reports](#). Fox News cited concerns over the response from their viewership in moving to cancel the ads last week. "Due to the strong negative reaction to their ad by our viewers, we could not in good conscience take their money," Fox News co-president Jack Abernethy said in a statement.

GREENS PURSUE NOVEL NEW SUIT AGAINST TRUMP CLIMATE ACTIONS: A Philadelphia-based environmental group has [sued](#) the Trump administration seeking to reverse various climate-related regulatory rollbacks, including the Clean Power Plan repeal and withdrawal from the Paris agreement. The Clean Air Council argues in its lawsuit that the rollbacks amount to a violation of all Americans' constitutional right of due process because any action that contributes further to climate change endangers "the lives and welfare of United States citizens." The administration "is relying on junk science to wage a war on facts," underscoring "reckless and deliberate indifference," the suit continues. If this sounds familiar, it's because a group of kids and climate scientist James Hansen are pursuing a similarly broad

constitutional challenge to the federal government on climate change in an Oregon court. That case is on hold while the 9th Circuit mulls whether it can move toward a trial.

PERRY IN PARIS: Energy Secretary Rick Perry's in Paris this week for the International Energy Agency's ministerial meeting. He'll meet with energy counterparts from around the world, as well as French Prime Minister Édouard Philippe with whom he'll discuss "issues of importance to our bilateral energy relationship," according to an agency spokeswoman.

UPDATE AVAILABLE? A [study](#) released by the Analysis Group, sponsored by the Natural Resources Defense Council, urges FERC to update its process for evaluating natural gas pipelines. Among their suggestions: Increasing scrutiny of the energy needs of the region rather than the project itself and considering non-pipeline alternatives to pipeline construction.

PROGRESS UP IN FLAMES? More active wildfire seasons are undercutting progress at improving air quality through emissions reductions from sources like power plants and vehicles in the Sacramento Valley and the San Joaquin Valley, according to [a study](#) released today by Climate Central. "We found that while the air is getting cleaner overall in recent years, it's getting dirtier during the fire season — a season that research has shown is growing longer in the western United States," it concludes.

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT: The majority of the 30 states and Puerto Rico surveyed by the Surfrider Foundation are performing at moderate to poor levels in addressing coastal erosion, sea level rise and extreme weather events, according to a report out today. Every single Gulf state scored a D or F in the annual report, except Texas which received a C. Link [here](#).

MOVERS, SHAKERS: Lindi von Mutius has joined the Sierra Club as chief of staff. She comes from the Environmental Defense Fund where she was director of program management.

QUICK HITS

— Oil Hits Two-Year High Amid Crackdown in Saudi Arabia. [Wall Street Journal](#).

— Paul McCartney: Trump not believing in climate change is 'madness'. [The Hill](#).

— Chef José Andrés And The Trump Administration Are Fighting Over Puerto Rico. [BuzzFeed](#).

— North Dakota officials: Optimism builds over \$1 billion water pipeline to serve Red River Valley, central ND. [Bismarck Tribune](#).

— Secretary Zinke says he's committed to rebuilding Sperry Chalet. [Great Falls Tribune](#).

— Trump's E.P.A. Pledges to Clean Up NYC's 'Most Radioactive Site' - But Funding Is in Question. [WNYC](#).

HAPPENING TODAY

10:00 a.m. — House Energy and Commerce Committee [hearing](#) on energy bills, House Energy and Commerce Energy Subcommittee, Rayburn 2123

10:00 a.m. — "[Examining Challenges in Puerto Rico's Recovery and the Role of the Financial Oversight and Management Board](#)," House Natural Resources Committee, Longworth 1324

2:00 p.m. — "[Legislative Hearing on Discussion Draft Legislation to Overhaul Federal Lands Energy Policy](#)," House Natural Resources Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee, Longworth 1324

2:30 p.m. — Center for American Progress and NRDC host telepresser discuss threat to public health and conflicts of interest of Trump nominees, RSVP: Sam@BlueEngineMedia.com

5:00 p.m. — "[Re-energizing Nuclear Security](#)," The Stimson Center, 1211 Connecticut Ave, NW, 8th Floor

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